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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Jeffery A. Brier

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 March 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 and 23-29 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 and 23-29 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____ 6) ☐ Other: _____

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The 03/25/2002 amendment amended claims 1-3, 8 and 15 and added new claims 28 and 29. These amendments have been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-6, 8-13, 15-18, 28 and 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by the book "Computer Graphics Principles and Practice" by Foley et al.

For claims 1,2,4-6, 8-11, 13, 15-18 and 28:

These claims claim the method performed by Gouraud shading which is described at pages 736-737. Foley describes determining both luminance and color values by the use of Gouraud shading. Pages 737 and figure 15.23 clearly shows applicants interpolation method. Foley's method is performed on a computer which corresponds to the apparatus of claim 15 for performing the functions of claim 15.

For claims 3 and 29:

These claims claim performing perspective interpolation. This is taught by the z-buffering technique described by Foley at pages 668-672.

For claim 12:

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This claim claims using depth values of the first and second points to determine the interior point. This is taught by the z-buffering technique described by Foley at pages 668-672. Figure 15.23 clearly shows applicants claim.

4. Claims 1, 3-18, 23-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Spackman, U.S. Patent No. 5,739,818.

Spackman describes interpolation of texture data and specifically describes perspective interpolation. Referring to figure 3 and the written description it is seen that Spackman interpolates points on the edge of a primitive from the vertex's data and determines by interpolation points on the scan line. The interpolation is performed with the X, Y, texture and Z values, thus, performing perspective interpolation.

For claims 5, 6 and 24:

Texture data includes color data and luminance data.

For claim 14:

The plurality of agents is inherent to Spackman. Each part of Spackman that enables the equations and that receives vertex data is the claimed agent. The part that feeds the vertex data to the interpolation equations is an arbiter. The part that sends calculated results that are reused in the interpolation equation is the router.

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments with respect to claim 1-18 and 23-27 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from

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the examiner should be directed to Jeffery A. Brier whose telephone number is (703) 305-4723. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 6:30 to 3:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Razavi, can be reached at (703) 305-4713).

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Technology Center 2600 Customer Service Office whose telephone number is (703) 306-0377.



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